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SUBJECT: IAEA AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT SAFETY AND RELIABILITY

REF: IAEA VIENNA 3560

1. MISSION HAS FINALLY BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN COPY OF DRAFT
(THIRD VERSION) REPORT OF SUBJECT GROUP. DESPITE FACT THAT
REPORT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS OF SUBJECT
GROUP, REPORT IS BEING TIGHTLY HELD IN AGENCY. ACCORDINGLY,
OUR POSSESSION OF REPORT SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED. MISSION IS
POUCHING COPIES TO AEC AND DEPARTMENT (IO/SCT AND SCI/AE)
FOR INFO.

2. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT TITLE OF REPORT, WHICH NOW
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REFERS TO SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PRESSURIZED WATER,

BOILING WATER AND PRESSURE TUBE REACTORS, WILL BE REVISED TO REFER TO "THERMAL NUCLEAR PLANTS OF A WELL-PROVEN OPERATION TYPE", THUS ALSO INCLUDING HEAVY WATER AND GAS-COOLED REACTORS, BUT NOT RPT NOT HTGR'S.

3. MISSION HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT FRENCH HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICE FOR SAFETY OF NUCLEAR PLANTS (PART OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND CRAFTS) JACQUES SERVANT (NOT RPT NOT AGENCY'S SERVANT) HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO AGENCY COMMENTING ON THIRD DRAFT REPORT MENTIONED ABOVE. WHILE EXPRESSING CERTAIN RESERVATIONS RE GENERAL CONCEPT SET FORTH IN REPORT, COMMENTS ARE GENERALLY CONCILIATORY AND FAR LESS NEGATIVE THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED. FRENCH APPARENTLY AGREE RE USEFULNESS OF AGENCY PUBLISHING GENERAL SAFETY CRITERIA AND AGREE ON FIVE GENERAL CATEGORIES OF CODES AND GUIDES SET FORTH IN REPORT, I.E., GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, SITING, DESIGN, OPERATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE. THEY ALSO AGREE WITH USEFULNESS OF EXISTING AGENCY CODES AND DESIRABILITY OF UPDATING THEM.

4. AS RESULT FRENCH RESPONSE MENTIONED ABOVE, AGENCY STAFF CONCERNED ARE QUITE OPTIMISTIC AT PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING BG APPROVAL IN JUNE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS PROPOSED PROJECT ASAP. UNDERSTAND FIRST PHASE OF EXERCISE COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS AUGUST AND WOULD PROBABLY DEAL WITH UPDATING ONE OF EXISTING CODES OF PRACTICE. MATTER IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION IN SECRETARIAT, HOWEVER, AND SITUATION REMAINS FLUID.

5. MISSION WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. LABOWITZ

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